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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION TO GOS ON HELICOPTER INCIDENT

1. MFA NORTH KOREAN DESK OFFICER SVEN HIRDMAN INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 18 THAT NORTH KOREAN CHARGE KIM BYONG GI CALLED ON MFA SECRETARY GENERAL LEIF LEIFLAND ON SHORT NOTICE ON JULY 15 TO PRESENT NORTH KOREAN ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT INVOLVING US HELICOPTER DOWNING OVER NORTH KOREA.

2. KIM BYONG GI BEGAN BY PRESENTING LEIFLAND WITH A BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM ON THE KOREAN WAR. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE AMERICAN TROOP PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA IS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF TENSION IN THE PENINSULA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE GOS WOULD LEND SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREAN DEMANDS FOR AMERICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL. HE SAID THAT PYONGYANG ALSO HOPS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PLAN FOR WITHDRAWAL WOULD PROCEED.

3. KIM BYONG GI THEN WENT TO WHAT HIRDMAN SAID WAS HIS MAIN
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BUSINESS. HE SAID THE HELICOPTER INCIDENT AND THE INFRINGEMENT OF HORTH KOREAN AIR SPACE WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURED WITHOUT AMERICAN TROOP PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA. HE SAID THAT IF THE US DID NOT CEASE SUCH ACTIVITY, THE RISK OF WAR WOULD DEFINITELY INCREASE. HE FINISHED BY ASKING THE GOS TO HELP BRING ABOUT THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA.

4. IN RESPONSE, LEIFLAND SAID THE GOS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE HELICOPTER HAS INFRINGED NORTH KOREAN TERRITORY OR AIR SPACE. THE U.S. HAD ACKNOWLEDGED SUCH INFRINGEMENT. BY SUCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, THE US DEMONSTRATED NO DESIRE TO DRAMATIZE THE MATTER. THE GOS, LEIFLAND SAID, HOPES THAT THE INCIDENT WILL NOT LEAD TO A DEEPENING OF TENSION. IN THE GOS VIEW, NORTH KOREA SHOULD SHOW IN THIS CASE THE SAME MODERATION BEING DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICANS.

5. ALTHOUGH SWEDEN HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE KOREAN SITUATION AS A MEMBER OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION, HIRDMAN SAID THE GOS ASSUMES THAT SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN A NUMBER OF CAPITALS.
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